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Watching in awe at all of the big companies becoming fewer yet bigger by "joining" I really wonder if Government is able to be in charge.

In the Microsoft case, the Justice department has directly sold the small "average guy and gal" consumer out. Lack of competition pretty much gets us a dictatorship type of market. They produce or provide what they want and we have to buy it if we want anything at all. Plus they get to change it at will whenever they want more \$\$ as we don't get a choice if we want to maintain a viable use of a current product. We don't get a choice to use only a portion of their product, buy all or get none!

Our country was built on small to medium Bsns giving a freedom of choice. You have further choked off the spirit of innovation and small to medium size guy having the opportunity to provide innovative advancements.

Look only to the price of medications that are currently prohibitive for many seniors and you get a good idea of "cornering the market".

I am not foolish enough to believe all answers are really simple, but I can't be moved to believe that endorsing monopolies and choking out the future hopes of aspiring innovators is what we are about in this country.

You basically have rolled over for them!!